45 cases for a population of about 12 lakhs work out roughly to ·375 per ten thousand.

Legislation against suicide—incongruity in.

5. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to Question 61, dated 1st August 1933, regarding incongruity in the existing legislation against suicide, will the Government be pleased to explain how the sixth word "that" in the fifth line of the body of the printed question has taken the place of the word "what" in the original manuscript so as to make the same unintelligible to the Law Member?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—The word 'that' appearing in Question No. 61, dated 1st August 1933, is a mistake in printing. It has since been corrected as "what". The Government had before them at the time the answer was prepared the question in the correct form in which the Hon'ble Member put it. It was nevertheless not intelligible to the Government and hence the answer given.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.— If the question has been framed "how can you punish a man if the man has been forced to commit suicide by economic distress" would it be clear?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.— That question would then be considered.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.— Is it now understood by the Hon'ble Member?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.— The question now put is understood.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.— May I know the answer to this question.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.— I don't think, Sir, that this arises as a supplementary question.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.— Is it the President's ruling?

President.—I think so.

Return of questions to remove unintelligibility.

6. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state why Question 61, dated 1st August 1933 was not returned to the Member who put it to get the unintelligibility removed from it?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—The question was not returned to the Member as it had already been framed in accordance with rule 8 of the Legislative Council and as it did not require any amendment under Rule 10 (1) to render it admissible. There is no provision under the Regulation, Rules or Standing

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